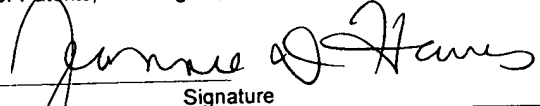


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the enclosed preliminary amendment. As the fees for the enclosed claims have been addressed in the transmittal that accompanied the filing of this divisional application, it is believed that no further fees are necessary for this Office to consider this preliminary amendment. However, should any additional fees be due, this Office is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/EISE:096--2/LWT.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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